

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A disposable absorbent article, comprising :
a first end portion and a second end portion, which portions are intended ~~completely~~
or at least partly to enclose a user's waist area during use of the article, and an
intermediate crotch portion,

said portions comprising an inner layer, which inner layer is turned towards
the user during use and which inner layer is liquid-permeable at least in a the crotch
portion adapted to be opposite the user's genitals, a liquid-impermeable outer layer,
and an absorbent body disposed between said outer and inner layers,

said article including in the area of the second end portion at least two
mechanical tape fasteners, the mechanical tape fasteners adapted to be, upon
application of the article, detachably interconnected with at least one ~~or several~~
fastening ~~parts~~ part disposed on the outer layer of the first end portion and being
complementary to said mechanical tape fasteners, wherein the two mechanical tape
fasteners are oppositely arranged on the inner layer of the article at opposite side
portions of said second end portion, the two mechanical tape fasteners each have
one longitudinal and one ~~transversal~~ transverse extension, said mechanical tape
fasteners are each permanently joined to the inner layer of the article by means of a
~~first~~ producer's bonding face arranged on a first end part of each of the tape
fasteners, a ~~second~~ user's bonding face is arranged on an opposite second end part

of each of the tape fasteners, and wherein prior to use of the article, the tape fasteners are arranged in a folded storage condition, each one of said tape fasteners being formed with an odd number of folds ^{and} ~~and the first and second~~ both said ^{face} producer's bonding faces and said user's bonding face being turned towards the inner layer of the article in the storage condition, the second end parts of the two tape fasteners extend toward one another in said storage condition and in the storage condition of said article, each of the tape fasteners includes a first fold part that is joined to at least one other fold part by means of a bond, said bond being breakable in order to secure the ~~second~~ user's bonding face to ~~the one or several~~ said at least one fastening parts part, and wherein in their condition of storage, the tape fasteners are arranged in their entirety on the inner layer, with laterally outermost end edges of the tape fasteners being located interiorly of lateral edges of said opposite side portions.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in the condition of storage of the article,~~ the mechanical tape fasteners comprise one fold only and ~~in that~~ wherein the one fold forms ^{the} ~~the a~~ laterally outermost end edge of ~~the~~ each tape fastener in said storage condition, in each of said tape fasteners, the first fold part by means of said breakable bond is connected to the first end part and ~~which covers the latter,~~ said first end part being the other fold part and ~~in that in each of said tape fasteners~~ when the second bonding face is in said folded storage

condition, the opposite second end part is located laterally interiorly of the first end part.

4. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second bonding face is in the form of hooks of a hook-and-loop fastener and the complementary fastening part ~~forms the other half of the hook-and-loop fastener and is made from a material, in which the hooks are able to fasten, said material being~~ formed with apertures, loops or fibre filaments for co-operation with the hooks.

5. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the inner layer of the article comprises fibres fibers to which the hooks of ~~the second~~ each bonding face fasten to form a weak bond relatively to a bond of the hook-and-loop fastener and said breakable bond between the first fold part and the first end part.

6. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ an outermost end part piece of the second end part of each of the mechanical tape fasteners is coated with a pressure-sensitive adhesive providing a weak adhesion force.

7. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ each breakable bond is designed to ensure that a force in the range of 0.2 to 2N is required to separate from one another joined-together tape-fastener strips having a width of 40mm.

8. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the each breakable bond is in the form of a pattern of points or lines, and the bond is breakable without damage to the tape fastener.

9. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mechanical tape fasteners have a width of between 30 and 10 mm.

10. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the mechanical tape fasteners comprise at least one elastic part disposed between the first end part and the second end part, said elastic part arranged to stretch upon occurrence of load during use of the article.

11. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mechanical tape fasteners do not stretch upon occurrence of load during use of the article.

12. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the article is a baby diaper or an incontinence diaper.

13. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein said each breakable bond is designed to ensure that a force in the range of 0.5 to 1.5N is required to separate from one another joined-together tape-fastener strips having a width of 40mm.